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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

DATE: 9/7/65

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-40164) (P)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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ReBulet dated 7/26/65 and AT LHM dated 7/15/65.

Indices WFO negative re Dr. JERRY REED or REID.

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- 4-Bureau (100-442529) (Encl. 10) (RM)
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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New York, New York  
September 8, 1965

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Re: Communist Influence  
in Racial Matters  
Internal Security - C

On the night of September 6, 1965, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Martin Luther King (President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)) was in conference with Stanley Levison on that date. Their contact, according to the source, was in regard to an article which is scheduled to appear in "The New York Times" magazine in the future. The article, which will be attributed to King, will deal with the civil rights movement in general and the Los Angeles riot in particular. Levison, the source advised, wanted King's comments regarding the draft of the article he had prepared at King's request. King said he thought it was good, but said he desired to change a couple of points, specifically: the statement at the end of the article which inferred that the only way to solve the problem (Negro) was to have a march of 100,000 people; the statement that none of the major cities have good mayors should read that, "only a few major cities have good mayors, Allen being one of them" (Mayor Allen of Atlanta, Georgia); and the statement that the riots cast light on the imperfections of the civil rights movement. King said the last enumerated statement was too strong and would expose him to the criticism of other civil rights leaders. They agreed to modify the statement by saying that the riots exposed the imperfections of the civil rights movement as well as those factions in the "social-economic" life of the community. *U*

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Re: Communist Influence in  
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Another matter considered by King and Levison was a report that the headquarters of the SCLC had been burglarized. Levison said he had not been able to verify the story, thereby prompting King to volunteer that during the SCLC Convention (in Birmingham, Alabama, August 9-13, 1965) the safe was burglarized. According to King, checks amounting to \$6,000, which had been contributed to the SCLC, checks in the amount of \$10,000, which were to pay their bills, and a \$190,000 check representing funds of the SCLC which were being transferred to another SCLC account, were taken. Levison suggested to King that he "scotch" the rumor that one quarter of a million dollars was stolen because it could adversely affect donations.

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RE:                   BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLY, ET AL.  
                      (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (100-47520) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM-C

RE: Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 8/31/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above. A copy of this LHM is being furnished New York and New Haven for information since KING will spend his time in these cities prior to travel to Jersey City on 9/22/65.

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Newark, New Jersey  
September 3, 1965

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

The "Jersey Journal", Jersey City, New Jersey daily newspaper, dated May 13, 1965, page 10, contained an article to the effect Dr. King would speak at the Michaelmas convocation at St. Peter's College, Jersey City, September 22, 1965. This convocation formally opens the scholastic year and scholastic achievements for the previous academic year are honored at the convocation.

The article noted Dr. King confirmed the speaking date in a letter to Reverend Thomas Wassmer, Society of Jesus, Chairman of the special lectures program at the college.

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To: SAC, Los Angeles

From: Director, FBI (100-106670) <sup>REC-13</sup>

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. <sup>EX-113</sup>  
SECURITY MATTER - C

ReAirtels 9/3/65 regarding contact with King by  
Mrs. Jessie Ambrose of Los Angeles.

In addition to obtaining the requested data regarding  
Mrs. Ambrose, Los Angeles also advise whether identity of  
Congressman Hawkins (phonetic) is known to Los Angeles Office.

1 - Atlanta (100-5586)

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September 4, 1965

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794) (100-106670)  
FROM SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-18339) (100-18410)  
SUBJECT COMINFIL OF SCLC (P)  
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(Bufile 100-438794)  
(MHfile 100-18339)  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (P)  
SM - C  
(Bufile 100-106670)  
(MHfile 100-18410)

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Re: Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 8/30/65, which requested New Haven to endeavor to identify JOHN BARBER, referred to in an enclosed LHM and to furnish results of indices check.)

By airtel to the Bureau dated 6/24/64, and captioned, "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, NEGRO QUESTION, COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS; IS - C; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C," New Haven submitted to the Bureau and to Atlanta copies of a letterhead memorandum bearing the latter-mentioned caption. This LHM set forth information concerning JOHN BARBER, who was President of the New Haven Chapter, NAACP, as of September, 1962. Copies were designated for Bufile 100-106670 and for Atlanta file 100-5586.

New Haven has received no additional pertinent information concerning BARBER subsequent to the submission of the above-mentioned LHM.

4 - Bureau (3-100-438794; 1 - 100-106670)  
5 - Atlanta (2-100-5718 (SCLC); 1-100-5586 (M. L. KING);  
1-100-6670A; 1-157-621 (ANDREW YOUNG))  
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Att.: Civil Rights Section  
General Investigative DivisionFrom: SAC, ~~LOS ANGELES~~ (174- )Subject: UNSUB; ANONYMOUS THREAT TO BLOW  
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Re Los Angeles teletype to the Bureau  
and Atlanta dated 9/3/65.

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locally to U. S. Secret Service and Region II, U. S. Army.b7(c) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] advised at 4:13 p.m., 9/3/65. The facilities  
of the FBI Identification Division and Laboratory and coverage  
of any out of state leads were offered Los Angeles Police  
Department but declined.No recommendation for investigation is made since  
there is no information that MARTIN LUTHER KING is in the  
Los Angeles area.The Bureau will be advised of any pertinent positive  
information developed.

- 4 - Bureau (Enclosures 8) (1 - 100-106670) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)  
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau, Atlanta and New York is one Xerox copy each, for information, of a Statement by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Arrival in Los Angeles, August 17, 1965.

New York is furnished a copy inasmuch as this statement appears to be primarily the five-point program suggested by BAYARD RUSTIN as set forth in New York radiogram to Director, Atlanta and Los Angeles dated 8/17/65 captioned CIRM IS-C.

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Statement by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on arrival in Los Angeles  
August 17, 1965

I have come to Los Angeles at the invitation of a number of concerned individuals and major organizations that have been, like myself, deeply involved in the struggle for civil rights and human dignity.

Let me say first of all that I profoundly deplore the events that have occurred in Los Angeles in these last few tragic days. I believe and have said on many occasions that violence is not the answer to social conflict whether it is engaged in by white people in Alabama or by Negroes in Los Angeles. Violence is all the more regrettable in this period in light of the tremendous non-violent sacrifices that both Negro and white people together have endured to bring justice to all men.

But it is equally clear, as President Johnson pointed out yesterday, that it is the job of all Americans "to right the wrongs from which such violence and disorder spring." The criminal responses which led to the tragic outbreaks of violence in Los Angeles are environmental and not racial. The economic deprivation, social isolation, inadequate housing, and general despair of thousands of Negroes teeming in Northern and Western ghettos are the ready seeds which give birth to tragic expressions of violence. By acts of commission and omission none of us in this great country has done enough to remove injustice. I therefore humbly suggest that all of us accept our share of responsibility for these past days of anguish.

I should like to state in quite more specific terms why I make this journey in the interest of reconciliation and future cooperation between the races.

First, I have come to minister to the thousands of innocent Negro people who have done no wrong or who have thought in any way to use violence, yet whose community has been disrupted by rioting, the destruction of institutions they daily need, and many of whom have lost their work. This has been for them, not merely the hardship springing from the disruption of their physical community; it has been a spiritual disaster deepening their despair and hopelessness.

Secondly, I have come to minister to the small degree that I can - to those who have been involved in the rioting. Our Christian effort must be to redeem them and to leave no stone unturned, despite their guilt, to help them find a useful place in building a good society in which they can share as equals. In this connection I shall, as a first step, seek to visit with them in prison and to urge officials to find ways for them to help reconstruct the damage they have done.

Thirdly, I would like to confer with the many segments of the white community that have been the staunch allies of the Negro people in our struggle. Surely if millions of Negroes across this country are dismayed, deeply hurt, and bewildered by these past few days, it stands to reason that our white friends are also. The strength of the Negro - white alliance for justice will be maintained only if we are in constant dialogue, understanding past mistakes, evolving new programs, and providing ways and means to avert any such recurrence of violence.

Fourthly, I would like to work with the local leadership of Los Angeles in proposing programs for the eradication of those problems relating to housing, schools, jobs, and police behavior that were directly or indirectly related to the disorder.

Fifthly, if the local leadership feels that it will be helpful, I am prepared to sit with them in discussions with public officials on the role and responsibility of governments and to evaluate with them a program that will eliminate such future occurrences in Los Angeles or in any other city of our nation.

RE:                   BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLY, ET AL.  
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9:39PM EST URGENT 9-4-65 ARK

TO DIRECTOR (100-106670)

FROM ATLANTA (100-5586)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM-C.

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ON EVENING NINE FOUR SIXTY-FOUR OSCAR LEON DAVIS TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED HE IS DEPUTY US MARSHALL AND HAD A "COURT ORDER" TO SERVE ON SUBJECT. REQUESTED ATLANTA OFFICE IF INQUIRY MADE ADVISE HE IS DEPUTY MARSHALL.

SHORTLY THEREAFTER DORA E. MCDONALD SUBJECT'S SECRETARY IN TELEPHONICALLY INQUIRY OF ATLANTA OFFICE IF DAVIS US MARSHALL. MCDONALD WAS TOLD THERE IS A DEPUTY DEPUTY US MARSHALL BY ABOVE NAME. MCDONALD INDICATED SHE WAS HESITANT TO FURNISH DAVIS SUBJECTS ADDRESS DURING EVENING HOURS.

NEITHER DAVIS NOR MCDONALD FURNISHED ANY DETAILS OTHER THAN ABOVE.

UACB ATLANTA MAKING NO INQUIRY THIS MATTER. WILL FURNISH BUREAU ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVED. 100-106670--179. END.

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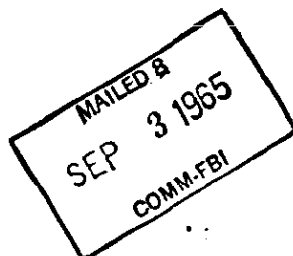
ReATairtel 8/30/65 and letterhead memorandum of same date regarding inquiry by Dr. Frank Wilson of New York City as to whether King might be able to visit a Presbyterian office in Korea during the early part of November, 1965.

New York furnish background information regarding Dr. Frank Wilson together with any indication of subversive activities or connections.

1 - Atlanta (100-5586)

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To: SACs, Newark (100-47520)  
New York (100-136585)

From: Director, FBI (100-106670) 1792

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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ReATairtel 8/31/65 and letterhead memorandum (LHM) of the same date regarding an attempt by Robert Brown of Teaneck, New Jersey, to arrange a meeting with Martin Luther King, Jr., in order to discuss the Vietnam situation.

It is noted that Brown described himself as a professor, a member of the Negro race, an authority on Vietnam and a former employee for the "Foreign Aid Program" in Vietnam. It is also noted that on 8/30/65, Dora McDonald, secretary to King, advised King that Professor Brown was on vacation and could be contacted in Pawling, New York, telephone number 855-6011.

Newark and New York should conduct immediate inquiry to fully identify Professor Robert Brown and should submit background data together with any indication of subversive activities or connections. Expedite.

1 - Atlanta (100-5586)

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NOTE:

Dissemination being made to State, Internal Security Division, Civil Rights Division and intelligence community. In event any subversive information is developed re Professor Brown consideration will be given to higher level dissemination.

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DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-149194)  
SUBJECT: COMINFIL SCLC  
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(OO: NY)

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ReNYairtel and letterhead memorandum of 8/2/65,  
captioned, "CIRM" concerning BILL STEIN being hired by the  
SCLC; and letter from Director to NY, 8/16/65, captioned,  
"CIRM" concerning the same matter. U

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- 3-Atlanta (100-5718) (Encl. 3) (RM)  
(1-100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)  
(1-100-6670) (CIRM)
- 1-Newark (100- ) (BILL STEIN) (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1-NY (100-111180) (STANLEY LEVISON) (42)
- 1-NY (100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (42)
- 1-NY (100-155214) (BILL STEIN) (43)
- 1-NY (100-153735) (CIRM) (42)
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No effort is made in the letterhead memorandum to explain who STEIN is, since both NY and Newark are presently attempting to identify him.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. **100-438794**

New York, New York  
September 2, 1965

Re: Communist Infiltration of  
the Southern Christian  
Leadership Conference  
Internal Security - C

On August 31, 1965, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Stanley Levison conferred with Bill Stein on that date. The conference afforded Levison an opportunity to apprise Stein that he recently talked with Martin Luther King, (President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) ), during which time King said the SCLC had decided to employ him (Stein). According to Levison, Stein will receive \$9,000 annually, plus expenses, and will be the highest paid employee on the staff of the SCLC. [ ]

The source said Levison told Stein that his principal function will be raising funds for the SCLC, and that he will do this by contacting churches. In this regard, Levison said he desired to accompany Stein down there (Atlanta, Georgia), to discuss a few things about the Negro churches he will contact in carrying out his duties; however, Levison cautioned that he might not be able to go since King had already delegated so many responsibilities to him that he did not know whether he would have the time. [ ]

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Re: Communist Infiltration of  
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Levison inquired of Stein as to when he would be able to assume his new assignment. Stein said he would be able to conclude his present assignment by Friday and then wind up his own affairs within a week or two [2]

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RE:           BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
              (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Atlanta (Your file 100-5586) DATE: 9-31-65  
SAC, WFO (100-40164)  
 FROM : Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial 100-106670)  
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 SUBJECT : MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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DATE 1-9-81 BY SP4 JRM/ik

☐ 1. Bufiles indicate this case is delinquent. Give specific reason for delinquency. 6076

☒ Re Bureau let 7-26-65 requesting file review of a  
Dr. Jerry Reed (phonetic).

☒ 2. DATE ☐ airtel ☒ letterhead memo ☒ submitted 9/7/65  
☐ report ☒ letter ☐ 90-day progress letter ☐ will be submitted

Reporting employee \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 3. If valid reason exists for not submitting report at this time, state reason specifically and  
 when report will be submitted \_\_\_\_\_

☒ 4. Status of ☐ Appeal ☐ Inquiry ☒ Investigation

☐ 5. Submit ☐ airtel ☐ letterhead memo  
☐ report ☐ letter ☐ 90-day progress letter by \_\_\_\_\_

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FBI WASH. FIELD (100-40164)

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CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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Via AIRTEL

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442529)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-153735)

SUBJECT: CIRM  
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Enclosed are ten copies of a letterhead memorandum reporting a meeting of the "Research Committee," held in NYC on 8/30/65; three copies are enclosed for the Atlanta office. The source mentioned in the letterhead memorandum was [REDACTED]

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(1-100-5718) (COMINFIL SCLC)  
1-NY (100-46729) (BAYARD RUSTIN) (42)  
1-NY (100-73250) (CLARENCE JONES) (42)  
1-NY (100-111180) (STANLEY LEVISON) (42)  
1-NY (100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (42)  
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1-NY (100-149194) (COMINFIL SCLC) (41)  
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SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] observed the activity at 575 Madison Ave., NY.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Bu 100-442529 New York, New York  
August 31, 1965

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Re: Communist Influence in  
Racial Matters  
Internal Security - C

On August 28, 1965, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Stanley Levison was in contact with Ann Jones (wife of Clarence Jones) on that date, to relate that a meeting of the "Research Committee" would be held on Monday, August 30, 1965, at noon time, at the office of Harry Wachtel. Ann said she would tell Clarence about the meeting. *[6]*

In the past, when reference was made to a meeting of the "Research Committee" it meant a meeting of Martin Luther King and his advisors. *[7]*

On August 30, 1965, at 12:55 p.m., Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), observed Martin Luther King (President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and Bernard Lee (Assistant to King) enter the building at 575 Madison Avenue, New York, New York (the building wherein Harry Wachtel has his law offices); and at 1:02 p.m., Bayard Rustin entered the building, followed by Stanley Levison, who entered at 1:15 p.m. At 1:32 p.m., John Lewis (Chairman of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, SNCC) entered, followed by Clarence Jones, who entered at 1:38 p.m. *[10]*

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Re: Communist Influence in  
Racial Matters  
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On August 30, 1965, at 5:35 p.m., Cleveland Robinson (Secretary - Treasurer of District 65, Retail, Wholesale, and Department Store Union, American Federation of Labor, Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) ) was observed leaving the building at 575 Madison Avenue, New York City. At 6:18 p.m, King, Lee, Rustin, and John Lewis, departed from the building. At 6:24 p.m., Stanley Levison and Clarence Jones left the building together. [U]

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Clarence Jones is the General Counsel to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York.

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The Labor Youth League has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Harry Wachtel is the Executive Vice  
President of the Gandhi Society for Human  
Rights, New York, New York.

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A characterization of the National Lawyers  
Guild is attached hereto. *LC*

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With respect to the Gandhi Society for Human  
Rights, it is to be noted that this organization  
is an adjunct of the Southern Christian Leadership  
Conference (SCLC), of which Martin Luther  
King, Jr., is the president, and serves to  
raise funds for the SCLC.

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Re: Communist Influence in  
Racial Matters  
Internal Security - C

In "The Saturday Evening Post", issue of July 11-18, 1964, page 76, Bayard Rustin is the subject of a feature article captioned: "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights". In it, Rustin is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party". Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, Rustin gave most of his earnings to the "Party". He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states. [ ]

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450. [ ]

The "Daily Worker", February 11, 1957, page 1 column 2, reported that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), held in New York City, on February 9-12, 1957. [ ]

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1958. [ ]

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Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 19, 20, 1964, that Bayard Rustin contacted Benjamin J. Davis on those dates and sought his advice as to how he could escape [ ]

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Racial Matters  
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from a speaking engagement to which he was committed. On the latter contact, Davis told Rustin that he was working on his request and had contacted friends who had contacts with the group to which Rustin was to speak. [REDACTED]

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"The New York Times", August 24, 1964, page 27, column 4, reports that Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary, CP, USA, died in New York City on the night of August 22, 1964. [REDACTED]

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild: [U]

"National Lawyers Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.) [U]
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'  
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.) [U]
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \* \* \* National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'  
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.) [U]

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